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New England District**

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# PUBLIC NOTICE

**Date:** June 2, 2009

**Comment Period Ends:** July 2, 2009

**File Number:** NAE-2006-2786

**In Reply Refer To:** Marty Abair

**Or by e-mail:** Martha.a.abair@usace.army.mil

The District Engineer has received a permit application from the applicant below to **conduct work in waters of the United States** as described below. The Corps is soliciting comments on both the project itself and the range of issues to be addressed in the environmental documentation.

**APPLICANT:** Vermont Agency of Transportation, ATTN: Scott Rogers, Operations Division, National Life Building, Drawer 33, Montpelier, Vermont 05633

## ACTIVITY

Place fill in about 35,309 sq. ft. (0.81 acre) of wetlands adjacent to an unnamed tributary to Stevens Branch of the Winooski River in conjunction with the construction of a parallel taxiway, reconstruction and expansion of the terminal apron, reconstruction of Runway 5-23, and construction of stormwater treatment measures at the E.F. Knapp State Airport in Berlin, Vermont. An additional 28,587 sq. ft. (0.65 acre) of wetland will be impacted due to changes in hydrology.

The purpose of the project is to bring the primary runway into compliance with FAA requirements and to provide safe, reliable and cost-effective air transportation for corporate, cargo and recreational users.

The work is partially described on the enclosed plans, in ten sheets, entitled "EDWARD F. KNAPP STATE AIRPORT BERLIN, VERMONT", dated "2/25/09" and "E. F. KNAPP STATE AIRPORT BERLIN AIR 04-3216", dated "5/21/2009".

## WATERWAY AND LOCATION OF THE PROPOSED WORK

This work is proposed in wetlands adjacent to an unnamed tributary to Stevens Branch of the Winooski River at the E.F. Knapp State Airport in Berlin, Vermont. The project is located on the USGS Barre West, VT quadrangle sheet at UTM coordinates 4896742.0 N and 694711.0 E

## AUTHORITY

Permits are required pursuant to:

- Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899  
 Section 404 of the Clean Water Act  
 Section 103 of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act).

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization

of important resources. The benefit which may reasonably accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are: conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural value, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain value, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

Where the activity involves the discharge of dredged or fill material into waters of the United States or the transportation of dredged material for the purpose of disposing it in ocean waters, the evaluation of the impact of the activity in the public interest will also include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act, and/or Section 103 of the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972 as amended.

In order to properly evaluate the proposal, we are seeking public comment. Anyone wishing to comment is encouraged to do so. **Comments should be submitted in writing by the above date.** If you have any questions, please contact Marty Abair at (802) 872-2893.

Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider the application. Requests for a public hearing shall specifically state the reasons for holding a public hearing. The Corps holds public hearings for the purpose of obtaining public comments when that is the best means for understanding a wide variety of concerns from a diverse segment of the public.

Based on his initial review, the District Engineer has determined that little likelihood exists for the proposed work to impinge upon properties with cultural or Native American significance, or listed in, or eligible for listing in, the National Register of Historic Places. Therefore, no further consideration of the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, is necessary. This determination is based upon one or more of the following:

- a. The permit area has been extensively modified by previous work
- b. The permit area has been recently created.
- c. The proposed activity is of limited nature and scope.
- d. Review of the latest published version of the National Register shows that no presence of registered properties listed as being eligible for inclusion therein are in the permit area or general vicinity.
- e. Coordination with the State Historic Preservation Officer and/or Tribal Historic Preservation Officer(s)

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Pursuant to the Endangered Species Act, the District Engineer is hereby requesting that the appropriate Federal Agency provide comments regarding the presence of and potential impacts to listed species or its critical habitat.

The initial determinations made herein will be reviewed in light of facts submitted in response to this notice. All comments will be considered a matter of public record. Copies of letters of objection will be forwarded to the applicant who will normally be requested to contact objectors directly in an effort to reach an understanding.

The following authorizations have been applied for, or have been, or will be obtained:

- (X) Permit, License or Assent from State of Vermont.
- ( ) Permit from Local Wetland Agency or Conservation Commission.
- (X) Water Quality Certification in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

THIS NOTICE IS NOT AN AUTHORIZATION TO DO ANY WORK.

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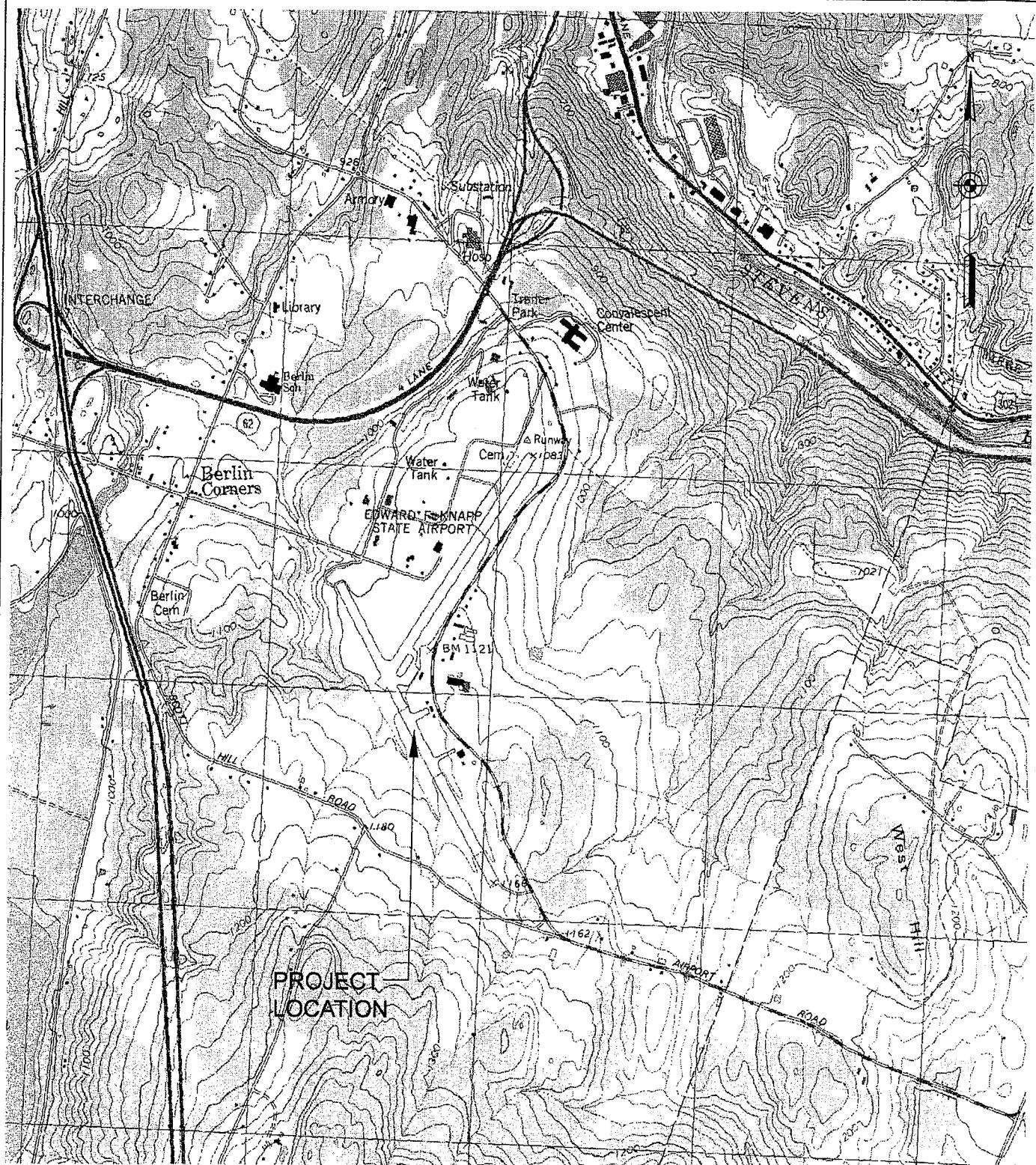


Frank DelGiudice  
Chief, Permits & Enforcement Branch  
Regulatory Division

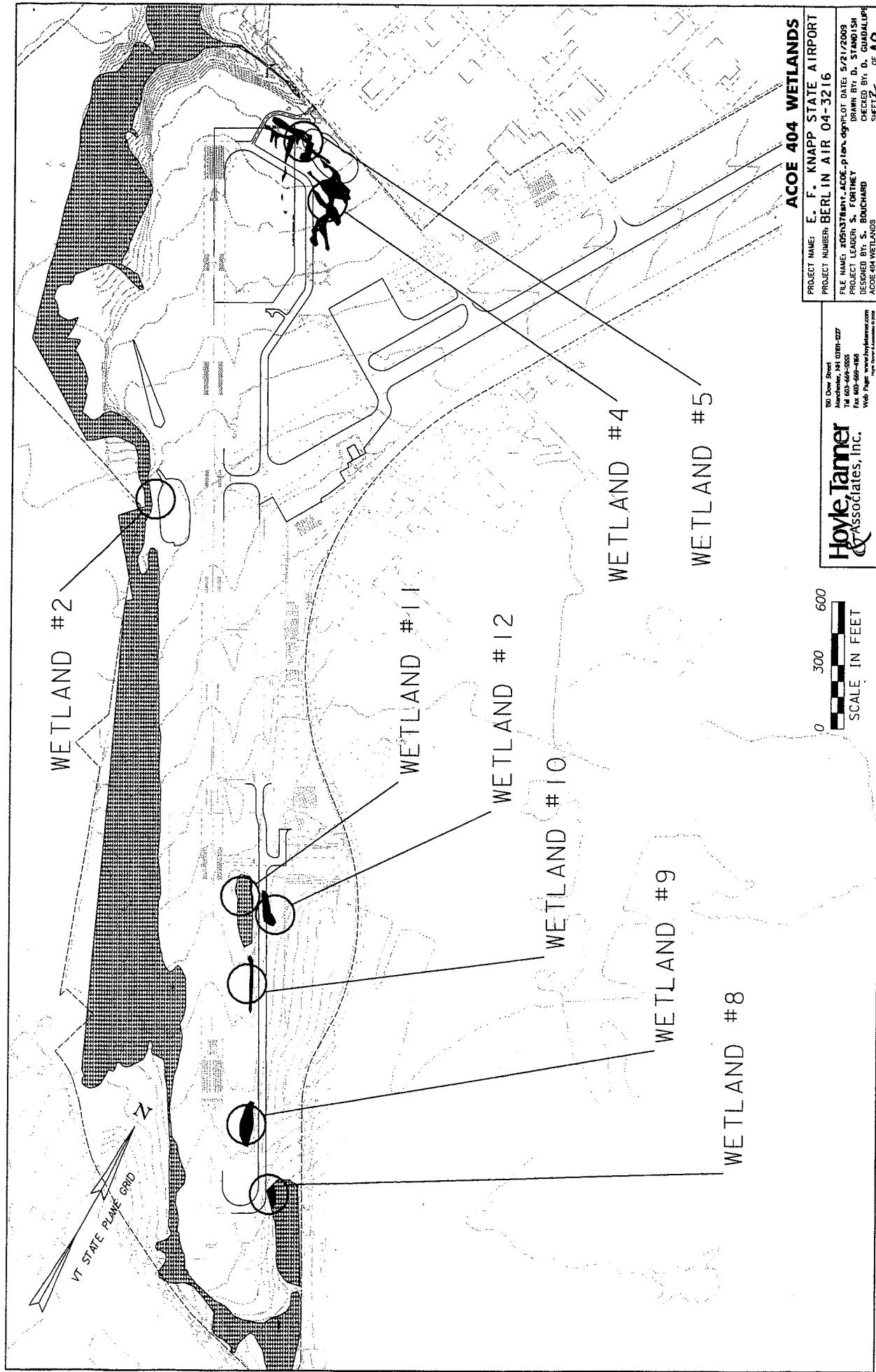
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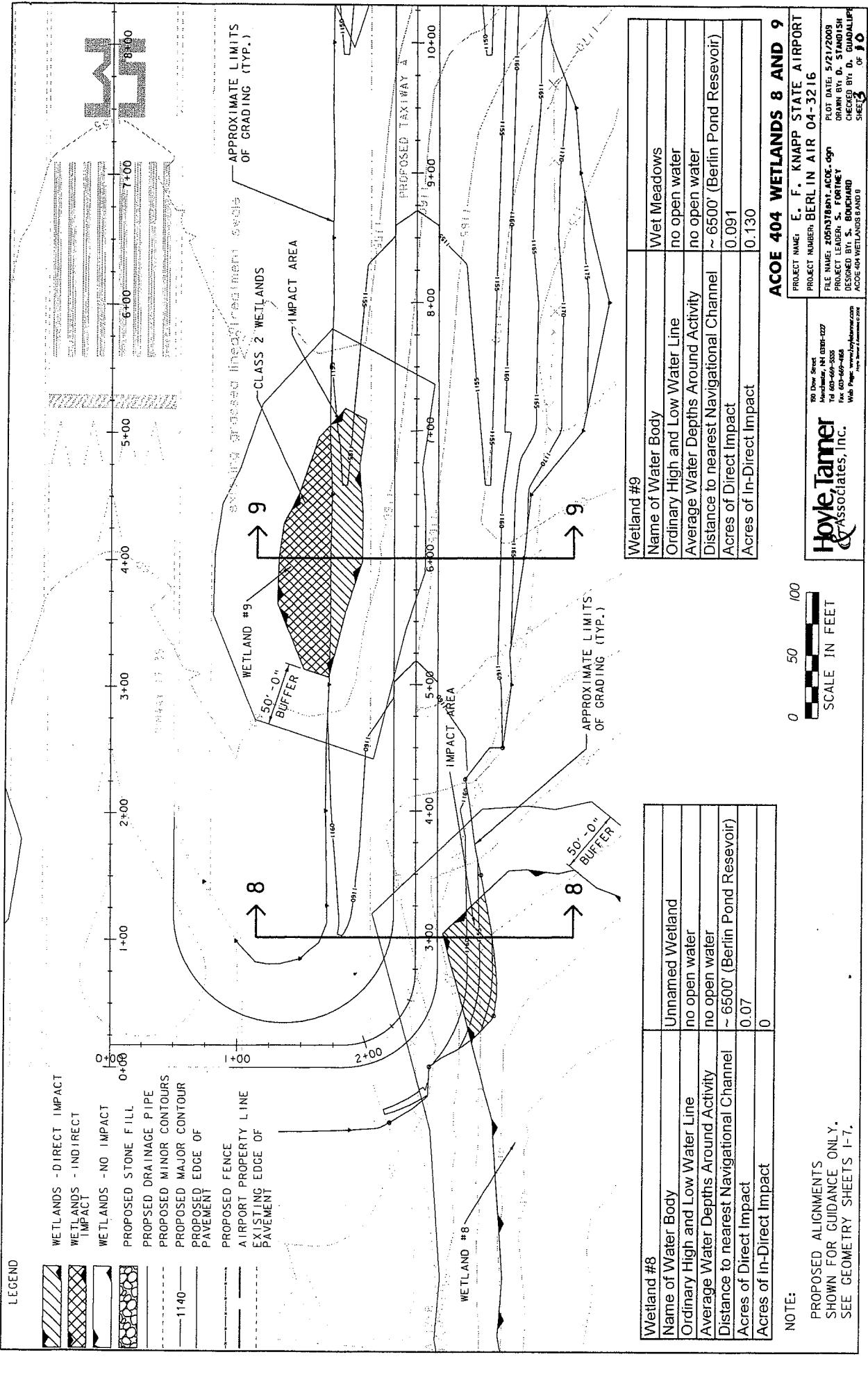
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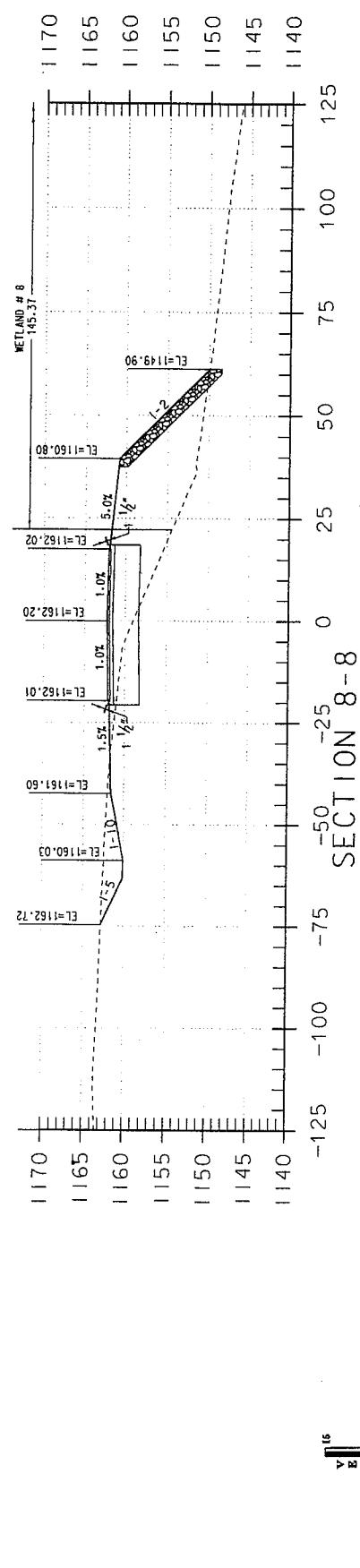
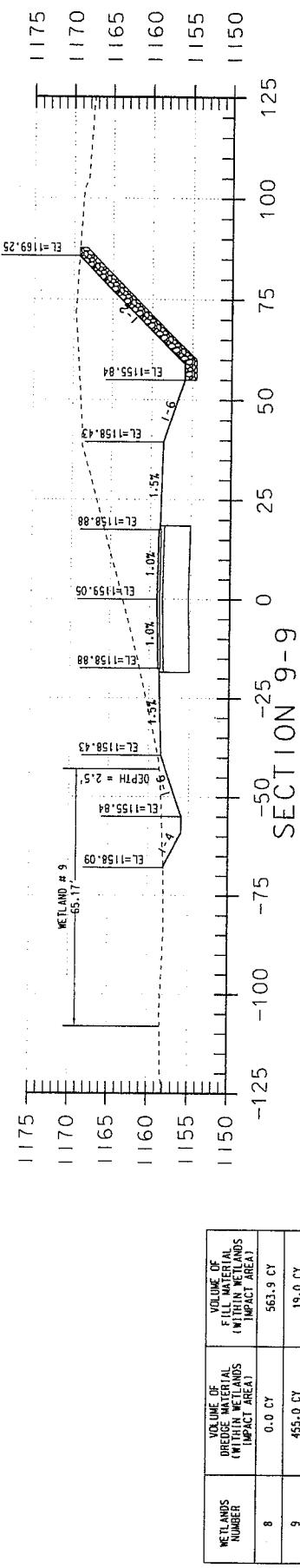
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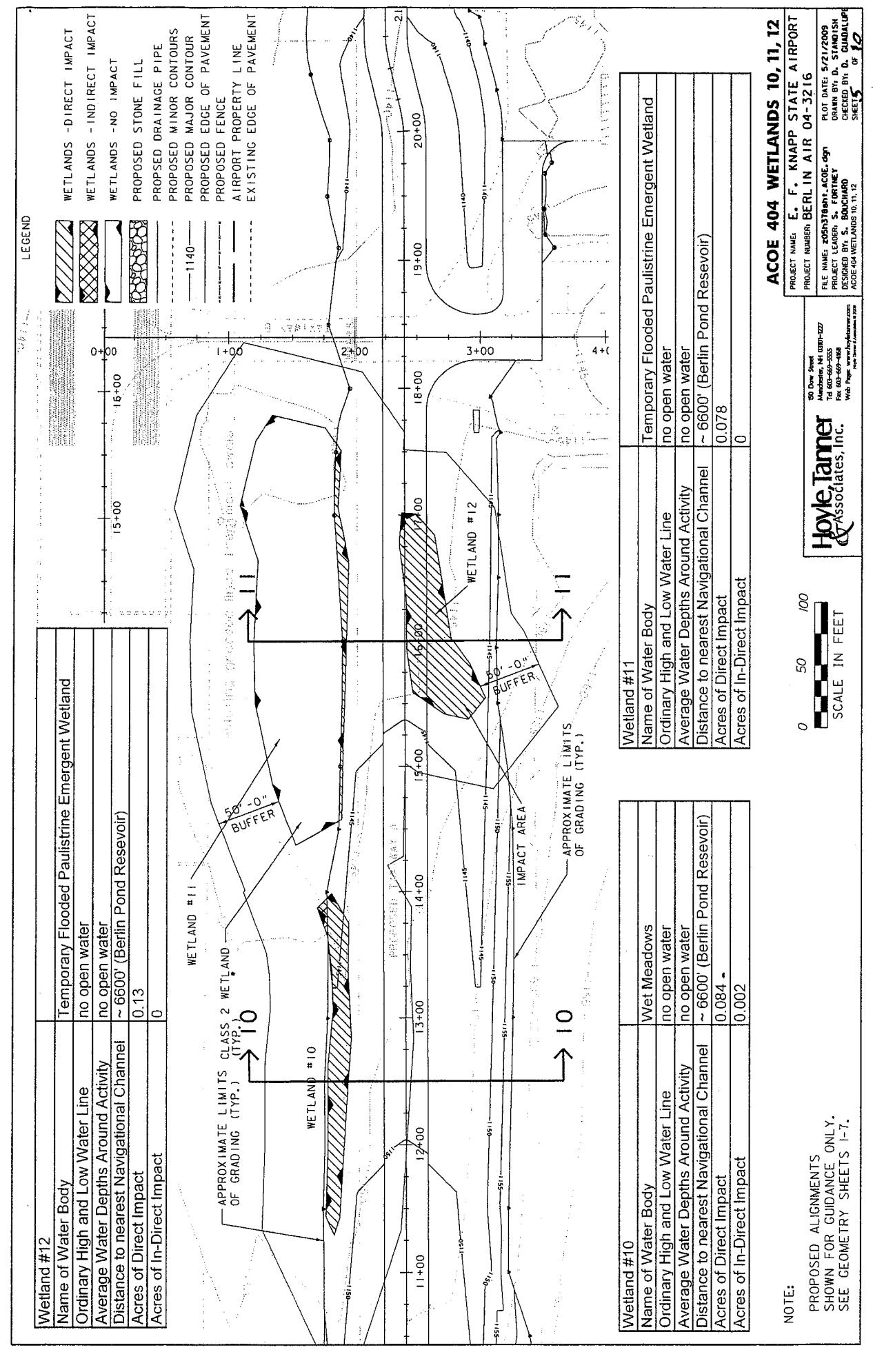


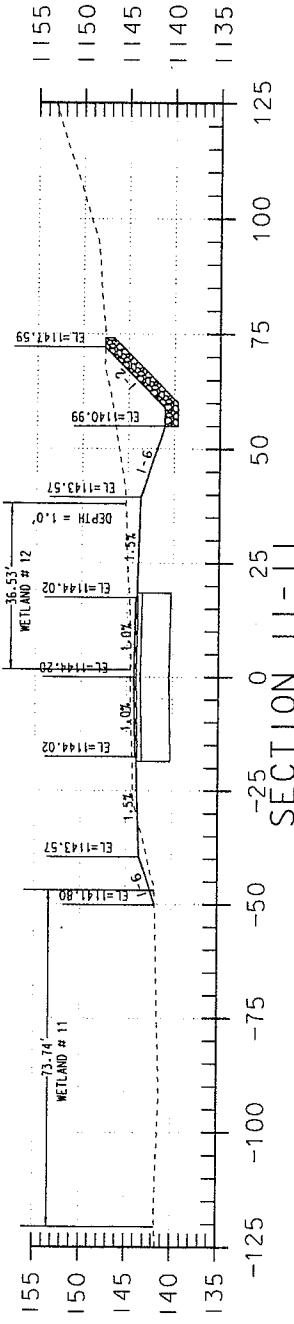


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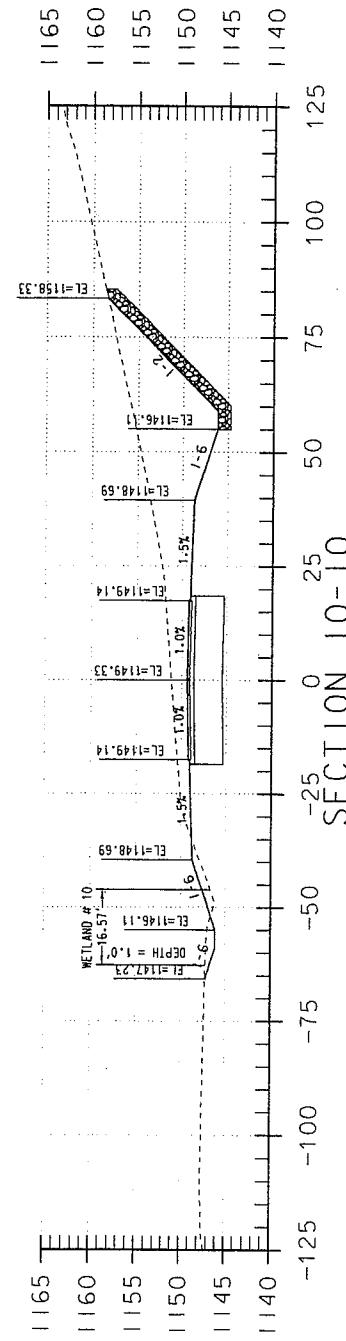
**Hoye Farmer**  
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WETLANDS NUMBER	DREDGE MATERIAL (WITHIN WETLANDS IMPACT AREA)	FILL MATERIAL (WITHIN WETLANDS IMPACT AREA)
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11	0.1 CY	15.1 CY
12	235.7 CY	1.0 CY

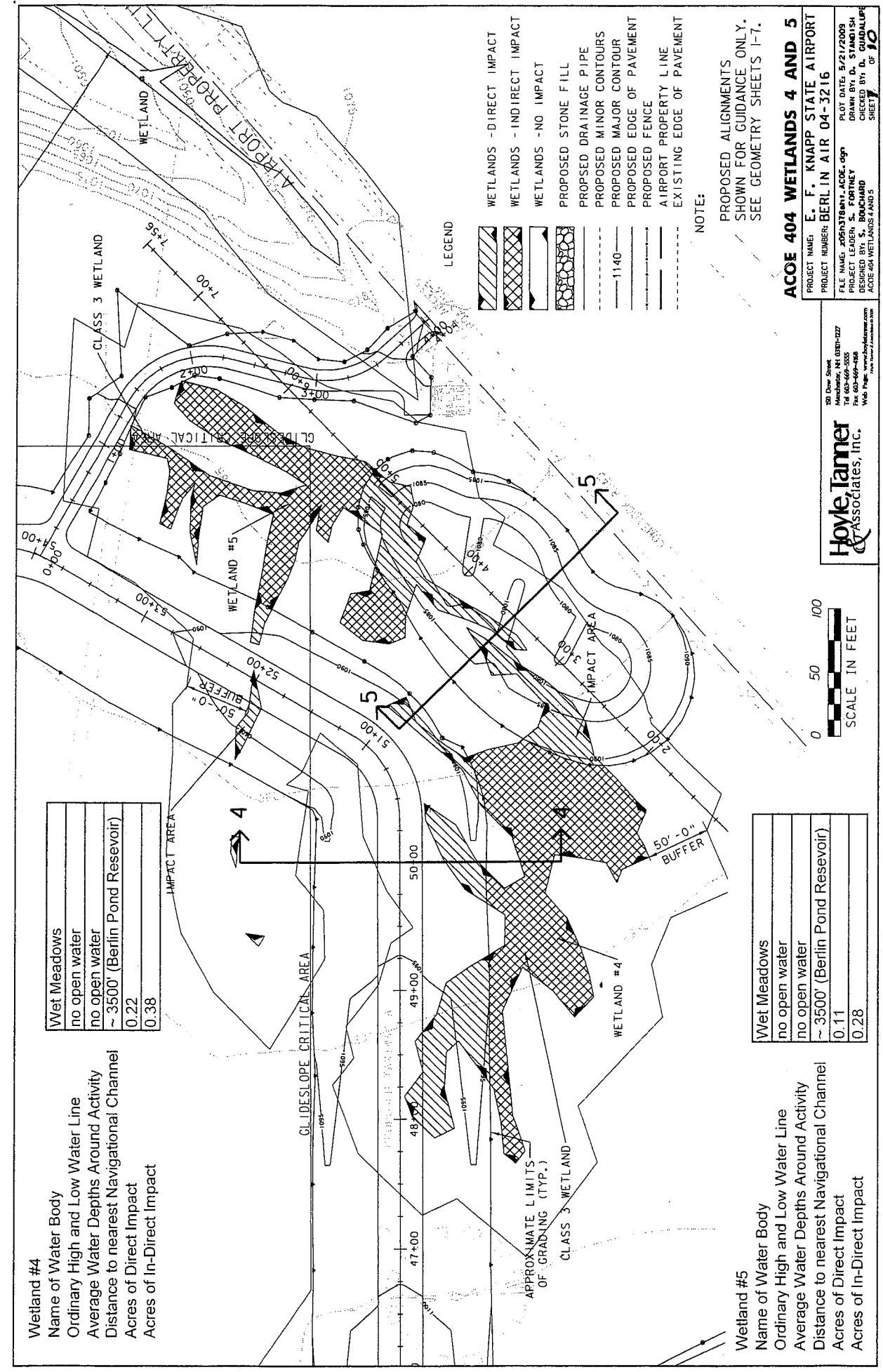


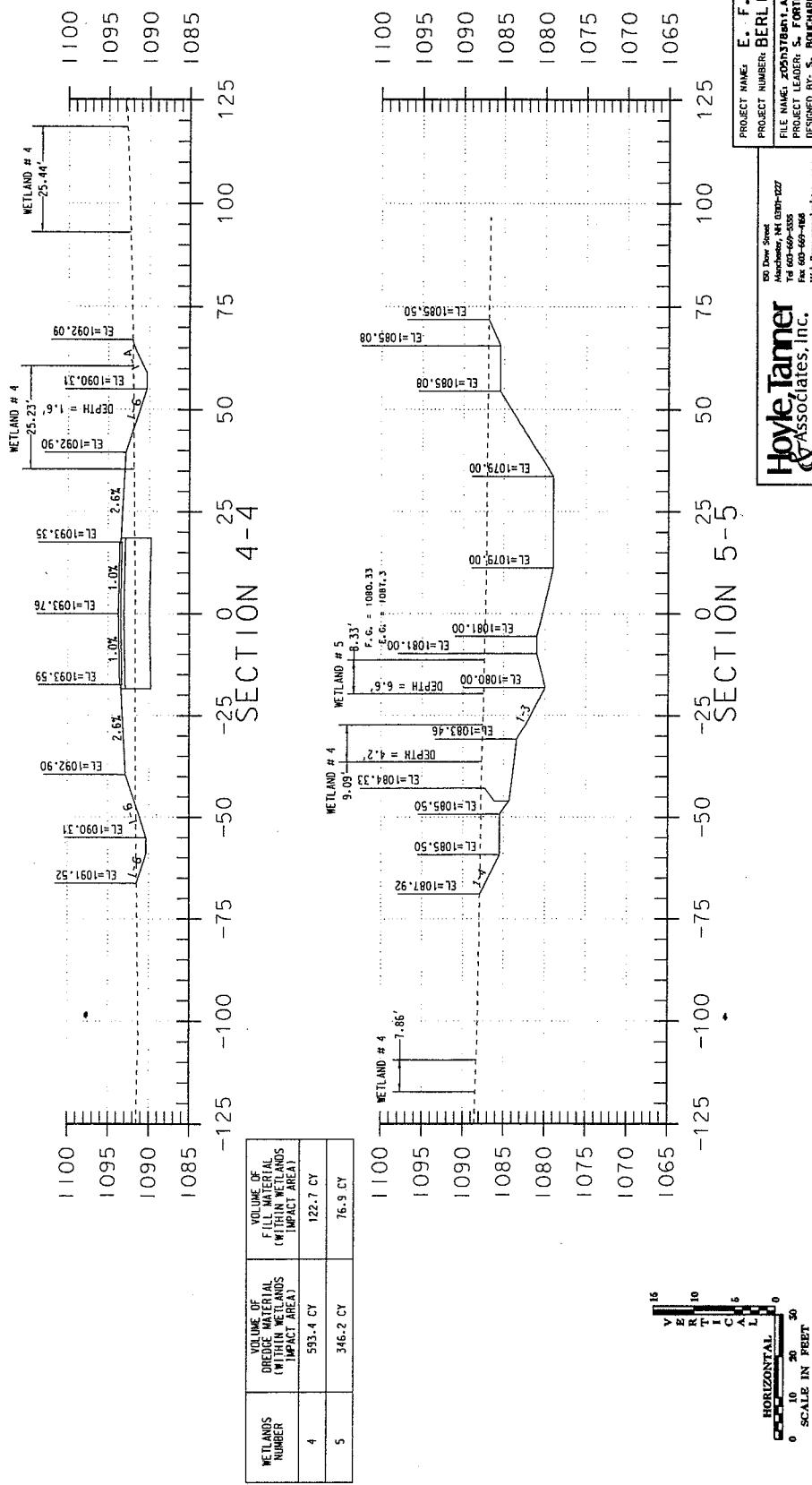
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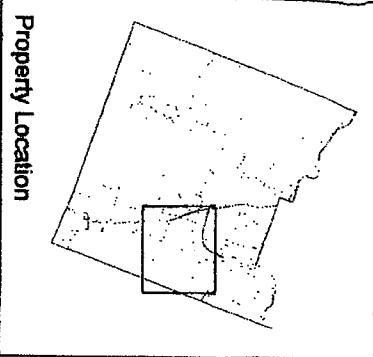




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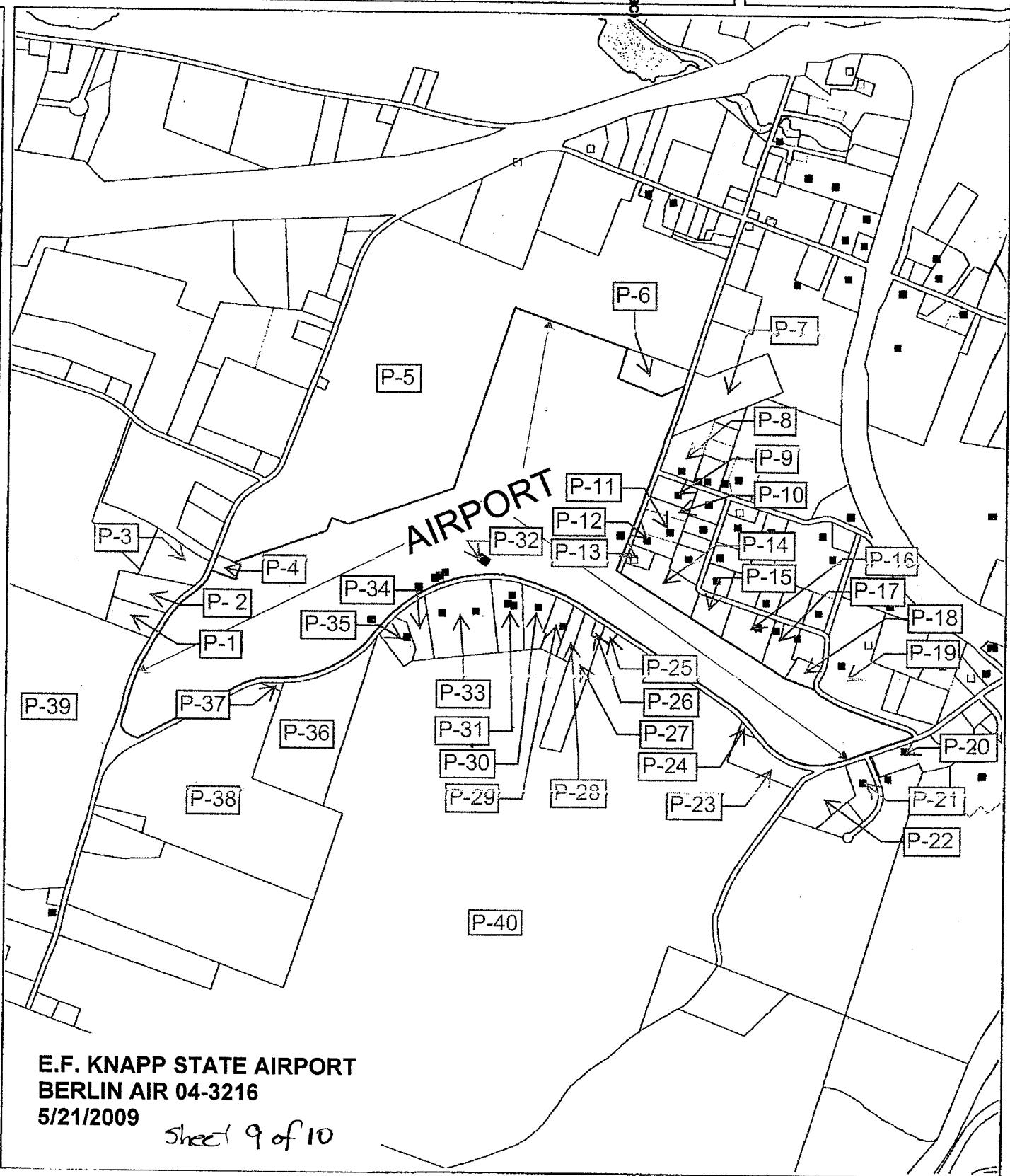
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Property Information:  
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1 inch = 1,333 feet

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## **ABUTTERS LIST**

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- P-2 Brian Aitchison
- P-3 Michael Anderson
- P-4 Angela Shand
- P-5 Henry Perrin II
- P-6 VT Agency of Transportation
- P-7 Unknown; No tax records
- P-8 Superior Development Ltd.
- P-9 BT Property, LLC
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- P-11 Ann C. Parker
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